GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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CRACKS IN FLYOVERS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of the flyovers constructed recently in Delhi have developed cracks in the recent past;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have enquired into the matter; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof alongwith the action taken against the guilty persons in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(d): The Government of NCT of Delhi (Public Works Department), Delhi Development Authority and Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation Ltd.have reported that none of the flyovers constructed recently have developed any structural cracks. However, non-structural cracks had developed in Punjabi Bagh, Safdarjung and Mayapuri Flyovers on the non-load bearing decorative facia and top bituminous layer over a small portion. The PWD has reported that the cracks inthe bituminous layer on Safdarjung and Mayapuri flyovers were due to very heavy and continuous rainfall.

The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported thataction for looking into the causes of cracks in the decorative facia and in the bituminous layer of the flyovers has been taken. Inquiry was conducted in January 2003 in the case of Punjabi Baghflyover by the Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. with a team of senior engineers. It was found that the cracks in the facia were of minor and non-structural in nature and the flyover is structurally safe and sound. No action was contemplated against any official.